Under the Executive Reorganization Act of 1971 (Laws of Montana, 1971, Chapter 272), the Governor is authorized to sign executive orders implementing the various chapters of the Act.

THEREFORE, I, FORREST H. ANDERSON, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority invested in me, order that:

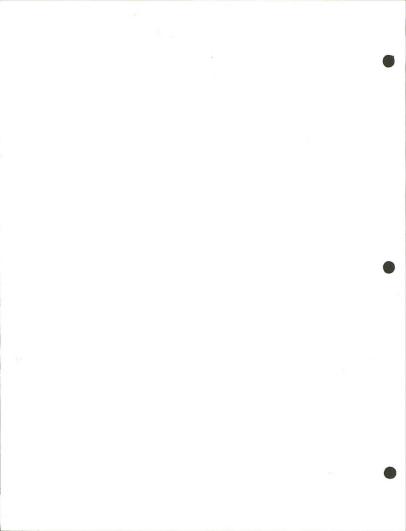
- Chapter 17 (Sections 82A-1701 through 82A-1703) of the Executive Reorganization Act of 1971 providing for the creation of the Department of Public Service Regulation shall be effective September 9, 1971.
- 2. From and after September 9, 1971, the Department and its functions shall be organized, supervised, administered, and executed pursuant to the Executive Reorganization Act of 1971, the Constitution, other statutes of the state, and the reorganization plan (dated August 30, 1971) prepared and submitted by the Board of Railroad Commissioners ex-officio Public Service Commission.
- 3. This executive order shall not affect the validity of any judicial or administrative proceeding pending or which could have been commenced before the date of the order, and the department or unit which succeeds to the functions of an agency transferred or retained by this order shall be substituted as a party in interest.
- 4. The Department's organization charts and descriptions of major programs are appended to this order. However, the Secretary of State need not send the charts and descriptions of major programs to those persons named in Section 6 of the Executive Reorganization Act as a part of this order.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this Ninth day of September, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-one.

FORREST H. ANDERSON, Governor

ATTEST:

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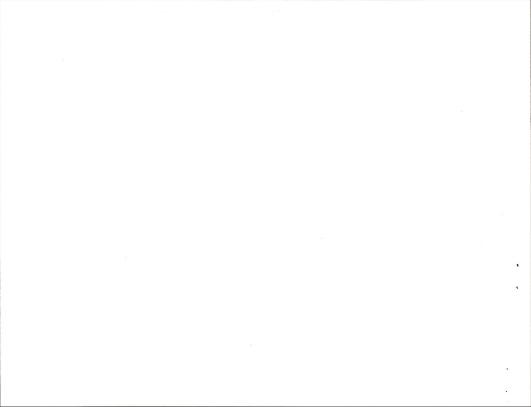


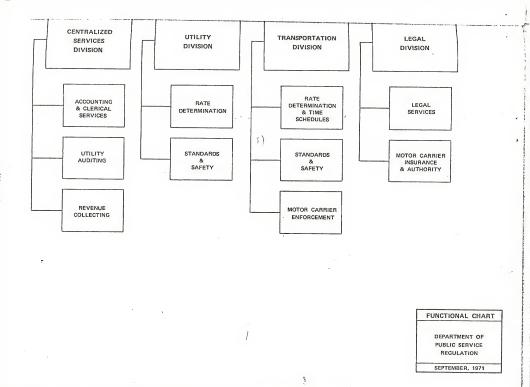
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION

SEPTEMBER, 1971





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MAJOR PROGRAMS

Centralized Services

Description:

This program will be charged with the responsibility for most of the clerical and administrative duties of the Department. The internal accounting, record keeping, payroll, purchasing, billing, and revenue collecting duties of the Department will be included in this program. In addition, this program will include utility auditing.

Authority:

Authority for the program is found throughout:

- (1) Title 8, Chapter 1 -- Water Carriers
 Title 8, Chapter 2 -- Pipeline Carriers
- (2) Title 24, Chapter 1 -- Electric Lines
- (3) Title 70, Chapter 1 -- Utilities
 Title 70, Chapter 4 -- Television
- (4) Title 72

Division Responsible:

The Centralized Services Division will be responsible for this program.



Utilities

Description:

This program will include all of the functions of the Department which relate to the public utilities which the Public Service Commission regulates, except utility auditing and legal services. Rate determinations for common carriers (pipelines), natural gas utilities, electric utilities, water utilities, and telephone and telegraph utilities will be included in this program. In addition, the standards and safety functions of the Department relating to these utilities will be administered as a part of this program.

Authority:

Most of the authority for this program is found in Title 70, Chapter 1, R.C.M. 1947, which deals with public utilities. Authority is also found in Title 8, Chapter 2 (Common Carriers) and Title 24, Chapter 1 (Electric Lines).

Division Responsible:

The Utility Division of the Department will be responsible for this program.



Transportation

Description:

The functions of the Department relating to transportation regulation will be included in this program. This program will determine rates and time schedules for motor carriers and railroads, and will administer the safety functions of the Department relating to these two modes of transportation. In addition, this program will carry out enforcement functions relating to motor carriers under the Motor Carrier Act.

Authority:

Authority for this program is found in Title 8, Chapter 1 (Motor Carfiers) and Title 72 (Railroads).

Division Responsible:

The Transportation Division of the Department will be responsible for this program.



Legal Services

Description:

This program will include the legal services which the Department performs. Hearings, court cases, appeals, and Commission orders will be handled as a part of this program. This program will also administer the insurance and authority functions relating to motor carriers, since these functions primarily involve legal determinations and expertise. Authority:

Legal services are a necessary part in the performance of all the Department's functions. Consequently, authority for this program cannot be specifically pinpointed but is found throughout the citations enumerated under the Centralized Services program.

Division Responsible:

The Legal Division of the Department will be responsible for this program.

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